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SUBJ: BDG FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENT ON ARAB ASSISTANCE

REF: A. DACCA 4616 B. KUWAIT 5129 C. DACCA 4563

1. ON GENERAL ISSUE OF ASSISTANCE FROM ARAB OIL NATIONS, FOMIN TOLD VISITING COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FELLOW DEC 8 THAT HE CONSIDERED IT "GOOD THING" THAT THERE WAS ARAB REPRESENTATION AT BANGLADESH AID GROUP MEETING IN PARIS. ALTHOUGH ARAB OIL EXPORTERS HAD NOT YET PROVIDED MUCH QUICK DISBURSING AID TO BANGLADESH OTHER THAN \$20 MILLION FROM IRAQ, THE NUMEROUS TALKS TO DATE BETWEEN BDG AND ARAB LEADERS PROVIDED FIRM BASIS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WHICH FONMIN WAS CONFIDENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

2. ON SPECIFIC ISSUE OF OIL IMPORTS FROM MIDEAST, FONMIN SAID

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BANGLADESH PAYING WITH FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR ALL OIL IMPORTS, AND

THAT THERE NO LONGER ANY QUESTION OF REDUCTION IN POSTED PRICE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THIS FONMIN COMMENT OF COURSE PROVIDES NO DETAILS OF BDG PURCHASING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARAB OIL (WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND FROM IBRD SOURCES, INCLUDE 180-DAY CREDIT TERMS FOR SOME PURCHASES), IT MOST AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT WE HAVE HAD IN DACCA TO DATE ON QUESTION OF WHETHER BDG IS IN FACT PAYING FOR ARAB OIL.

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